

# Reader's Roadmap

Helping you navigate the world of books



The **M**eaning **o**f **C**hildren  
BEVERLY AKERMAN *stories*



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**Book of the Month**  
**October 2011**



Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

## **The Meaning of Children** **F A314m**

These fourteen stories approach the world's complexities through a child's eyes, grapple with the sorrows and ecstasies of child-bearing years, and probe the truths that touch us with a child-like clarity at the end of life's journey. A girl discovers a fear of heights as her parents' marriage unravels; a thirty- something venture fund manager worries over his daughter's paternity; an orphan whose hands kill whatever they touch is accused of homophobia; a mother of two can only bear to consider abortion in the second person; the wife of a retirement-aged professor finds him unconscious near his computer. *The Meaning of Children* speaks to all of us who - although aware the world can be a very dark place-can't help but long for redemption through children.

### **About the Author**

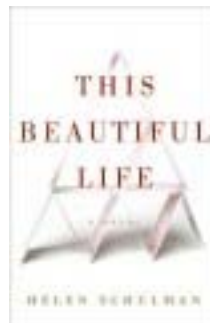


After over two decades in molecular genetics research, the author realized she'd been "learning more and more about less and less". Concerned at the prospect of knowing everything about nothing, she turned to writing, winning awards for her efforts. She recently received her third Pushcart nomination. Her writing has appeared in *Maclean's Magazine*, *The Toronto Star*, *The National Post*, *The Montreal Gazette*, as well as in other publications and learned journals. It pleases her strangely to believe she's the only Canadian fiction writer ever to have sequenced her own DNA. She is a life-long Anglo Montrealer and lives with her husband and children in NDG. *The Meaning of Children* is her first book.

### **Families – Fiction**

#### **This beautiful life**

by Helen Schulman  
F S3863t 2011



#### **The matter with Morris**

by David Bergen  
F B4954m 2010



#### **Good to a fault**

by Marina Endicott  
F E562g 2008

## Montreal – Fiction

### The bidding

by Bill Haugland  
F H371b 2011

### Dogs at the perimeter

by Madelaine Thien  
F T434d 2011

### Girl unwrapped

by Gabriella Goliger  
F G626g 2010



## Short Stories, Canadian

### Bitter sweet taste of maple : followed by Loveless duet

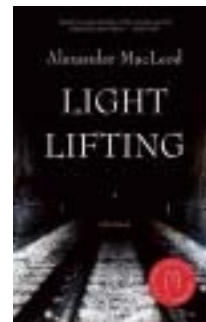
by Tecia Werbowski  
CD F W484b 2011

### Better living through plastic explosives : stories

by Zsuzsi Gartner  
F G2443b 2011

### Light lifting : (stories)

by Alexander MacLeod  
F M1653L 2010



### Are you married to a psychopath?

by Nadine Bismuth ; translated by Donald Winkler  
F B6221a 2010

### The cost of living : early and uncollected stories

by Mavis Gallant  
F G163co 2009

